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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition is the foundation of our American economy. Since the lines were opened up for other providers I have had better DSL service at a lower cost than I ever had with AT&T. In fact, the only correspondence I received from AT&T was a bill. If I called with a service issue I was always told first "if we come to your house and determine the problem to be in your house then you will have to pay for the house call. If you buy our insurance, for a monthly fee, then there will be no charge." Contrast this with my current provider who just takes care of it whatever the problem. No charge. Since I left AT&T I receive correspondence every month telling me how much AT&T wants me back and offering me a better deal than I had with them previously. It's obvious I wouldn't have received this offer be it not for competition. I'm also saving about 25% for my service. Why would you do anything that stifles competition. I can only think of one reason and I vote.

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